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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-8, without prejudice, and add new claims 9-31, as follows:

--9. (New) A method for annotating a Web-based document and viewing the annotated document, comprising the steps of:

- (a) generating annotation data by processing first user input provided to annotation client software by a first user of the annotation client software;
- (b) associating the annotation data with the document to create the annotated document, the document being displayed via a Web browser;
- (c) providing the annotated document to an annotation server;
- (d) with the annotation server, generating a graphic data file corresponding to a visual layout of the annotation data;

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SIR:

A Preliminary Amendment is being transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

A Credit Card Payment Form is enclosed to cover the payment of the preliminary amendment of \$67.00 for additional claims.

If any additional fees are required, or to credit any over payment, please use deposit account no. 50-1492. A copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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